91. Means of communication in the Parur taluk.

Mr. K. Parameswaran Pillai (Member, Parur taluk) made the following requests:—

1. The existing village road from Chathanad to Kuriapalli should be converted into a cartable one with the necessary bridges. It was a sanctioned work and should be taken up without further delay.

2. The canal from Parur—Thottumukhom chowkey to the river and its branch which joins the Kundakavu canal and the Parur-Cheriyapalli canal should be improved.

3. The village road from Attupurom to Thuruttipurom should be improved and rendered more useful to the public.

4. The Parur-Edappalli village road should also be similarly improved.

5. A road should be opened connecting Ezhikara with Kadukkara.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

92. Roads and communications in the planting districts of South Travancore.

Mr. R. J. A. Moore (Member, South Travancore Planters' Association) made the following representations:—

1. In view of the heavy traffic on the road from Pattanapurom to Punalur and its impassable condition during the monsoon time, it should, if possible, be metalled at once instead of spreading the sum allotted over a term of years.

2. The road between the Kumbazha river and the Rajampara turn-off beyond Vadasserikara should receive the attention of the P. W. Department, as it had never been metalled and, with the continuously increasing traffic, it was difficult to maintain the road in good order. The steep parts of the road should be metalled.

3. The question of giving a grant for the upkeep of the Koni Estate road had been brought up at the last session of the Assembly. It should be also favourably disposed of without further delay.

4. With the provision of a bridge at the Pattanapuram crossing, a large amount of traffic might be diverted to Avaneeswaram and that would be of great advantage to the whole District. That aspect should also be considered in improving the communications in that part of the country.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

93. Improvements to the local roads with special reference to the Mundakayam-Kuttikal-Yendar road and the road from Mundakayam to Ranni.

Mr. J. R. Vincent (Member, Mundakayam Planters' Association) represented that of the total length of 8 miles of the Mundakayam-Yendar road, four miles of road had been constructed by Government and served the general public and the Forest Department. It should, therefore, be treated as a Government road and not as a grant-in-aid road, and, instead of the small grant, the Government should pay for its entire upkeep. The remaining four miles of road was constructed by Mr. Murphy, but the P. W. D. subscribed only a portion of the upkeep of two miles of the road, leaving Mr. Murphy to pay for the entire upkeep of the remaining two miles and the balance on the first two miles. As the road served the general public between Peermade and Mundakayam, the big village of Kuttikal and the Forest Department in the extraction of timber, he requested (1) that the whole road be taken over by Government; (2) that the 6 miles of the road which was unmetalled or metalled with second class metal be metalled with first class metal; (3) that the bridge recently built on the Yendar

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